

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) In a desiccant cartridge, a combination comprising a generally circular cap for providing closure over said desiccant cartridge to retain desiccant therein and a docking piece for engagement with said cap, said [[cap]] combination comprising a generally circular configuration with having a central axis extending therethrough and a first aperture in said cap coaxial with said central axis for communication with said desiccant cartridge, said cap having a recess in the form of a [[slot]] port formed [[atop]] along a surface of said cap and extending radially outwardly along said surface from said central axis, said docking piece having a housing being detachably engaged in said [[slot]] port, said housing combination further comprising a second aperture therein radially spaced from said first aperture so as to be offset from the central axis and in communication with said first aperture through said housing a passageway formed by the cap and the docking piece.

24. (Currently amended) Combination as set forth in claim 23 wherein said housing is snap fit within said [[slot]] port.

25. (New) Combination as set forth in claim 23 wherein the cap comprises a peripheral flanged portion extending transversely from its outer circumference that cooperates with a cup of the desiccant cartridge to provide adjustable, friction mount of the cap in the cup and wherein the second aperture is located proximate the peripheral flanged portion.

26. (New) A desiccant cartridge comprising:
 - a cup having a spaced inner and outer wall portion to define a chamber for holding desiccant, said inner wall portion defining a center tube;
 - a cap for providing closure over said desiccant cartridge to retain said desiccant therein, said cap having a recess in the form of a port formed in a surface of said cap and extending radially outwardly along said surface from a central axis of said cartridge; and
 - a docking piece engaged with said cap in said port, wherein the combination of said cap and docking piece has a first aperture coaxial with said central axis for communication with said desiccant in said cup, said combination further comprising a second aperture therein radially spaced from said first aperture so as to be offset from the central axis and in communication with said first aperture through a passageway formed by the cap and the docking piece.
27. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 26 wherein the cup is a one-piece plastic molding.
28. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 26 wherein the cap comprises a peripheral flanged portion extending transversely from its outer circumference that cooperates with the outer wall portion of the cup to provide adjustable, friction mount of the cap in the cup.
29. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 28 wherein the second aperture is located proximate the peripheral flanged portion.
30. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 28 wherein a top surface of the cap is provided with a tube having first and second ends, with the first end cooperating with the second, offset aperture and the second end extending in a direction away from the top surface for cooperating with a side tube of a canister.

31. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 28 wherein the docking piece has a body with a top and bottom surface with said first aperture extending therethrough, wherein the top surface is provided with a raised portion protruding therefrom and the bottom surface is provided with a second tube having first and second ends, with the first end of the second tube cooperating with the first aperture and the second end of the second tube extending in a direction away from the bottom surface for cooperating with the center tube of the cup.

32. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 31 wherein the raised portion cooperates with the cap to form said passageway.

33. (New) In a desiccant cartridge, a combination comprising a generally circular cap for providing closure over said desiccant cartridge to retain desiccant therein and a docking piece for engagement with said cap, said cap comprising a planar portion having a recessed port extending from a center axis of the cap radially outward and provided with an aperture through said cap offset from the center axis of said cap, and the docking piece detachably engaged in said recessed port provided with a central aperture coaxial with the central axis for communicating fluid and/or gas with said desiccant in the desiccant cartridge, said docking piece being engaged in said recessed port area and defining a passageway therebetween so that fluid and/or gas entering said offset aperture passes through said passageway and said central aperture into the desiccant cartridge.

34. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 33 further comprising a cup having a spaced inner and outer wall portion to define a chamber for holding desiccant, said inner wall portion defining a center tube.

35. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 34 wherein the cap comprises a peripheral flanged portion extending transversely from its outer circumference that cooperates with the outer wall portion of the cup to provide adjustable, friction mount of the cap in the cup.

36. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 35 wherein the second aperture is located proximate the peripheral flanged portion.

37. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 38 wherein a top surface of the cap is provided with a tube having first and second ends, with the first end cooperating with the second, offset aperture and the second end extending in a direction away from the top surface for cooperating with a side tube of a canister.

38. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 37 wherein the docking piece has a body with a top and bottom surface with said first, central aperture extending therethrough, wherein the top surface is provided with a raised portion protruding therefrom and the bottom surface is provided with a second tube having first and second ends, with the first end of the second tube cooperating with the central aperture and the second end of the second tube extending in a direction away from the bottom surface for cooperating with a center tube of the cup.

39. (New) The desiccant cartridge of claim 38 wherein the raised portion cooperates with the cap to form said passageway.